depending upon its technical efficiency, condition of plant and machinery, etc. However, the selling price of various grades of molasses produced by vacuum pan sugar factories, effective from 23rd November, 1992, are as follows :—

Grade of Molasses	Prices
Grade I	Rs 14.40 per hundred kilograms
Grade II	Rs 11.50 per hundred kilograms
Grade II	Rs 8.60 per hundred kilograms
Below Grade III . . .	Rs 8.60 for every forty kilograms reducing sugar content

There is no fixed price for bagasse. Tha surplus bagasse available with the factories is disposed of by the factories themselves.

Output of Sugar

1857. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether sugar exports have increased substantially during the first nine months of this year as compared to that during the corresponding period of "1990-1991";

(b) the target fixed for sugar exports for 1992 and how far the target is likely to be exceeded; and

(c) the percentage increase in output of sugar compared to that in the preceding year and how far the increase in exports reflects the increase in production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) (a) Yes, Sir.

'(b) No target for export of sugar for the year 1992 was fixed as such. However, a uantity of 5.60 lakh tonnes of sugar has been exported during 1991-92 sugar season (October to September). This excludes export of levy sugar to Nepal.

(c) As per provisional figures, the sugar production in 1991-92 sugar season has increased by 10.21% over 1990-91 season's production. The export during 1991-92 season has increased by 195% over 1990-91 season's export.

Production of Sugar

1858. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) what was the production of sugar in 1991-92 in (a) Private Sector (b) cooperative sector and (c) State Sector; and

(b) what is the export of sugar to important countries in terms of quantity and value thereof, during the last three years, country-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) Sector-wise production of sugar during 1991-92 season was as follows :—

Sector	*Production (Provisiondl) In lakh tonnes*
Private	44.59
Co-operative	76.83
State	11.35
	Total : 132.77

(b) The countries to which sugar was exported during the last three financial years, i.e. 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92, and the foreign exchange earned thereof are given in the attached statement.